THE DOMINION OF KING STRANG, CN BEAVER ISLAND, MICH.

James Strang at a Methodist-Turns Mor-He Leads Off a Faction-Founds St. James on Beaver Island.

> Special Correspondence 1 MILWAUKEE, Wis. June 18.



kingdom on an iso- him. matic in the pioturesque history of the northwest. The other day I was shown a well preserved bible, which was presented to Capt. R. P. Fitzgerald, of Milwaukee, by James Strang, the head of the col-

ony, when in the very height of his power. Strang called himself King James I, of Beaver Island, and his church and colony were founded on "laws dug out of the earth." He claimed that in the presence of three witnesses be found in an earthen vessel, many feet below the surface, three brass plates on which the Mormon laws were writ-ten. These were discovered on the banks of the White river in Walworth county, Wis., Sept. 14, 1845. These were called the Vorce plates, and the accompanying illustration is a fac-simile of both sides of the three plates.

His first appearance hereabout was in the role of a local Methodist minister. He was next heard of among the Mormons at Nauvoo. After Joe Smith's death he appeared as a prominent candidate for the Mormon presi-

His defeat led to a falling out with Young, and Strang with his followers came north,

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secure a biding common of the straits, just where the waters of Lake Michigan are compressed in the narrow channel that con-

channel that conducts them into Airche of Lake Huron, is an archipelago of nine is lands, rang ing in size from thirty miles square uncountry the square to th down to a few (ST) (2015) acres. The names | mottastf | bear a strong local

flavor: Beaver, Garden, Front, Gull, Whisky, Squaw, Hat, Hog and High. The largest Beaver, has a length of twelve mi's and an average width of three, and gives its name to the group. The soil is sandy and sterile, and a more unpropitious place for settlement could hardly be conceived. At that time, 1850, it was occupied only by a few fishermen.

the saints gather up their goods preparatory to a flight into the wilderness, where they were to found a state in which they could practice their creed undisturbed. So Strang and his followers sailed for Beaver Island. The hardships they had experienced they inflicted on the unfortunate fishermen of the island, who were bundled into their boats and put off without compunction. Strang renamed the island St. James. He at once set his followers at work on the foundations of a capital for the colony, which was to be known as the City of St. James. It was located at the north end of the island, where a small bay formed a natural harbor, and where the government had built a lighthouse. In a short time quite a town was created. The principal buildings were the temple, a large one story building, and a substantial log palace for the prophet, who assumed the title of king. Here Strang lived with his three wives. Here also was the prison where Strang used to confine his rebellious subjects as well as his enemies. Here the prophet performed the deties of both judge and exe-

The Mormons by dint of hard labor made quite productive farms of the sterile soil, but their principal occupation was fishing and "spolling the Egyptians," or piracy in the terse Anglo Saxon of the old settlers. Soon King Strang started out missionaries, and the community increased until the estimated Mormon population of Beaver and adjoining islands over which they spread was nearly two thousand. They soon became very arrogant, and fights with their neighbors were frequent.

With or without the consent of the state authorities of Michigan, Strang organized the county of St. James, taking in a portion of the main land opposite. He was elected sheriff and the other county officials were his creatures. These and other irregular proceedings were winked at for a time, and the Mornion leader even went so far as to take his seat in the Michigan legislature as: the member from his district, stiencing objections by arraying himself on the side of the majority.



PORTRAIT OF STRANG. With the growth of the Mormon colony

short shrift. Occasionally the deputies shot their victims without ceremony when found. Two fishermen named Sullivan were known

to have been disposed of in this manner. When the Mormon fishermen visited their nets they made it a point to rob any others that might be set in the vicinity. The fish were always stolen and generally the nets. In time St. James Island came to be a refuge mon-Rivals Brigham Young-Defeated, for all sorts of rascals, who could there dis-

pose of their plunder. A Kentuckian making a midsummer trip up the lakes was one day leaning over the guards of the propeller as she lay moored to the dock. A team came up with a load of wood. Both horses were recognized by the rise and fall of a year before. "Those two horses belong to a little Mormon me," he said to an officer standing beside "For God's sake, don't say so on lated island in shore," was the quick reply. The horseman Lake Michigan is had no intention of placing his head in a one of the most ro- lion's mouth, and wisely kept silent,

The first attempt to arrest the Mormon prophet failed. Strang received notification, and when the government cruiser arrived at St. James he was floating in a small boat out in the fog. There he remained some days, sleeping at nights in remote parts of the island, until the cruiser departed. The second attempt was more successful. Strang was arrested and taken to Detroit, but was acquitted. These incidents only served to advertise the colony, and drew to him many sentimentalists, especially women, among the latter being a lady of good family, high breeding and great intellectual attainments. An attempt was made to show she had been abducted by Strang's followers, but she went on the witness stand and testified in Strang's behalf. Her testimony, beauty and elegance secured the release of her adored prophet.

At this time he was on the shady side of 40, of medium height, thin and wiry and very dark, and his spare face was framed with a heavy beard which he wore long, giv ing him a patriarchal appearance. His upper lip was always kept clean shaven, which gave his sensual mouth undue prominence.

Very few fishermen got out of Strang's clutches whole in body, to say nothing of belongings, after war was declared, and a Mormon boat was their greatest terror. Among the one who escaped alive from the Mormon king is James M ----, an old fisherman, still living on the Beaver. He says;

"It was early in the spring of 1855, as near as I can recollect, when my partner and I started from Mackinac for Gull Island with \$700 worth of supplies. It was storming when we started and we were glad enough to make the shank [local jargon for Wangoshance light] that night. We started early the next morning, but lost our course in the fog. After boating about all day we made Beaver Island. Hardly had we landed before we were surrounded by Mormons who made us walk up the beach. In a short time King Strang came down, issued a few orders, and twelve men separated from the rest. Six of them began to examine their guns in a manner that sent the cold chills galloping up and down my back. They had been appointed to kill us. The others were to bury us. Then Strang placed a double barreled shot gun to my breast, asked me more questions in regard to our intentions, issued new orders which proved to be to clear away the boat, remove all the sails and oars and east us adrift. We did not wait for the expiration of the ten minutes which we were allowed to get away in. Luckily for us one of the crowd, more humane than the rest, had secretly thrown in some oars; but the boat was aground on a rock and we couldn't budge it. I then went back to the group and asked some of them to help us off. One whispered in my ear to get away as soon as possible. There was no use, besides a storm had come up and I didn't believe any boat could live in the sea. The prophet bad a dispensation bidding I went to Strang and begged to be allowed to stay. He told me coldly that unless we



went we would be in h-1 before daylight. On this we thought we might as well be drowned as shot and managed to get off. It was intensely cold and we were obliged to run for Mackinac, nearly forty miles away. Our chances were very slight and our sufferings were intense, but thanks to good constitations we both recovered from the effects of the exposure, and had the pleasure a year

later of taking part in the banishment of the Mormona from the island."

Before this the Mormons and fishermen, who had bended together, had met in more than one pitched buttle. One of the fiercest followed the departure of an expedition from King Strang's stronghold for the mainland. An alarm was at once given by the fishermen's pair of and chase was given. When the Mormons landed the parties met and the fishermen fired a volley that made the Mormons scurry back to their boats with a few wounded. As soon as the Mormons were clear of land they laid their course for the Beaver, twenty miles away. Close after fol-lowed the fisher boats. The wind almost died away, and a running fire was kept up all the time. Although the range was long, a number of Mormons were wounded. This left them short handed, and their complete destruction seemed to be inevitable, when the back Morgan, Capt Stone, have in sight. The Mormons headed for her and reached the back in time to allow their occupants to clamber on board before the infuriated fishermen could come up. Once on deck they were safe and the pursuers gave up the chase. The Mormons were taken by Capt, Stone near to the Beavers and east adrift in their

The worst blot on the page of the Mormon history of occupation was the murder of the entire crew of the brig Robert Willis, which disappeared in 1853. The last person to see the brig was Capt, John B. Merrill, of this city, who at the time was on Skillagalee tsailor for Aux Galets) Island, engaged in a wrecking expedition to the schooner Sovereign of the Seas. It was Thanksgiving afternoon, and a heavy snow storm was in the brutalities of Strang's followers in-progress. Stifled by the fetid atmosphere creased, murder being added to their other listide the lighthouse, the only building on crimes. Frequently persons obnoxious to the island, Mr. Merrill stepped outside. The Strang were summoned to sit on a grand island is barely an acre in extent, and as he jury at St. James. The selected victim gen-closed the door almost on top of him he saw erally made great haste to leave the country. the cutwater of a brig which he recognized This was all the Mormons wanted. A war- as the Willis. The storm had parted for an rant was issued against him in due form and instant, leaving a patch of clear sky. The placed in the hands of Mormon deputies for crew of the Willis seemed to sight the island service. If the victim was caught he had at the same instant, and the brig at once

went about on another tack and was lost to sight in the storm. That was the last ever seen of her or her crew. The brig was loaded with flour, pork and provisions. Immediately after her disappearance Beaver Islanders were found to be well supplied with these articles. The report spread that the Willis had gone ashore on the Beaver and such of her crew as were not drowned were put out of the way by the Mormons. A short time ago, in a little hollow in the sandy beach at the north end of the island, seven bleached and moldy skeletons were discovered. Among the island residents it was an accepted belief that the seven skeletons were all that remained of the crew of the brig Kentuckian as having been stolen from him | Willis. They were reverently removed and carefully interred in the little village ceme-

> This supposed crime, with constantly increasing depredations, so fanned the indignation against Strang and his followers that finally an organized effort was made to drive them off the island. The United States authorities took a hand, and the steamer Michigan was ordered to the island. About this time, too, Strang's tyranny aroused rebellion on the island. As his power increased the Mormon leader did not hesitate to select for his wives the fairest of the new arrivals, and the scaling process was at times very loosely performed. Through and by this he fell.

The fishermen arranged to move on the sland when the Michigan should arrive. Coincident with this Strang became involved



he had appropriated without ceremony Bent on revenge, the wronged husband joined hands with the fishermen. Suddenly, one morning after the arrival of the Michigan, a force of fifty fishermen, armed with muskets and shotguns, made a descent on the island. There was little resistance made by the surprised Mormons. Strang was shot on the wood dock as he was about boarding the Michigan by the husband whose wife he had stolen. With him fell the Mormon power on Beaver Island. It was, with the exception of Strang's case, a bloodless conquest. It was said afterwards that so demoralized were the Mormons that ten resolute men could have taken the island. Their unexpected success so stunned the victors in turn that there was very little display of lawlessness.

Terrified and thoroughly cowed, most of the Mormons hastily prepared for another exodus. Strang was carried to his house. His wounds were believed to be fatal. Still, in spite of the pain he was suffering, the Mormon king calmly directed his followers in their preparations for flight.

The most of them left on the propeller Sem and the others on the Pittsburg, the next boat to arrive. Strang was taken to Kenosha, Lake City. Many fell by the wayside and became farmers here and there throughout the west. Others continued to live on the island and are there yet. The invaders preempted the farms of the late owners and gradually King James and his colony were forgotten. And this tells the story of the rise and fall of the little kingdom. GEORGE H. YENOWINE.

WOMAN'S PROGRESS.

Mrs. Carse, of Chicago, and Mrs. Foltz, of California. [Special Correspondence.]

CHICAGO, June 19.-Here are portraits f two intellectual women-Mrs. T. B. Carse, who has recently been elected a member of the Cook county board of education in this city, and Mrs. Clara Foltz, the California lawyer and editor.

Mrs. Carse was elected to fill the vacancy ecasioned by the death of Gen. Martin Beem, whose tragical shooting has recently attracted so much attention. Mrs. Carse is president of the Chicago branch of the Naional Woman's Christian Temperance union, and president of the Young Ladies' Benevoent society. Her work, however, has been chiefly in the cause of temperance, and by onducting weekly meetings it is estimated that she has induced 60,000 persons to sign

Mrs. Clara Foltz has a romantic history. When a very young girl she eloped with a Pennsylvania German named Foltz, and segan life on an Iowa farm. Their marriage was a mistake. At 18 she found herself with two children and obliged to earn her own living. Dress making, millinery, voice culture and keeping boarders helped her to get on, but a lawyer having discovered



MRS. CARSE. CLARA FOUTZ. that she possessed a legal mind gave her a copy of Kent's Commentaries and set her to studying law. Then followed a fight with the directors of Hastings college at San Francisco to compel them to admit her to their course. She won at last, but in the mean-

It is now ten years since Mrs. Foltz was months ago she removed to San Diego, where she founded The Daily Bee, which she owns figure, slightly above the average height, and strong though womanly features. Her home is said to be attractive, and she entertains

delightfully. Russia leather is made in Connecticut; Bordeaux wine is manufactured in California; Italian marble is quarried in Kentucky; French lace is woven in New York; Marseilles linen is produced in Massachusetts; English cassimere is made in New Hampshire; Parisian art work comes from a shop in Boston; medicinal herbs and roots, it forms Dr. Spanish mackerel are caught on the New Jones' Red Clover Tonic, which is good for Jersey coast, and Havana cigars are rolled all blood disorders, torpid liver, costiveness by the million in Chicago.

THE COURTS

Appellate.

The Appellate court met on Tuesday last. The docket is piled up with cases, Judge Tuley of Chicago and Judge Upton of Lake, appointed to fill vacancy, are the new Justices in the place of Justice Baker, elected to the supreme bench, and Justice Walsh.

Circuit Court.

(Week ending June 15th.)

Chancery.-The defendants in the case of Jacob Hyman et al. vs Barney H Levy et al. have filed a demurrer. George W. Keller vs Christian Hartenbower et al defendants, default and bill taken for confessed; decree \$757.48. Charles M. Smith as assignee, vs Walter W DeWolf et al. decree for plaintif. Fannle Sampson vs William Sampson, defendant, defaulted Maria Brown et al, vs John J Crotty et al, decree and order. Ann Armour vs Corde lla E. Armstrong et al dismissed.

Law.—James F Galvin vs Louisa J Bruen et al, dis. Louis C Osborn et al vs William Sprenghorn, dis. Richmond Machine works vs Thomas W D Crane. Motion to dismiss.

County Court.

In the matter of the assignment of J W Preston. Final report presented and assignee discharged.

Probate Court.

Reports .- Of accounts in estate of Peter Peterson, guardianship of Philip Frye, estate of Dolphus Clark, guardianship of Christian and Emma Rabenstine.

Micslianeous.-An order for distribution Ruth M Balley, admrx of estate of Noah U r'owler, petition for final settlement. Letters of adm. have been granted to Hannah Sheppard in estate of W H Sheppard. Final settlement has been ordered in the estate of W C Moore. Judgments.—Peter Egan vs estate of X-wier Hansman, for plf for \$4.00. Mrs. J W Dean vs same for \$6.00.

In the County Offices,

License to marry have been granted to Abiel Pierce and Abbie Kitts, William Miller and Martha A Partridge, Wimot Van Etten and Jessie G Trumbo, Stephen Tiernay and Nora Hardy, Martin Manning and Mary McCormick, John Oshcroft and Bridget Constner, John A Frandin, and Mary Myers, Mackay Domzalski and Amelia Gmat, Earnest S Rath and Fannie W Gillman, William A Rounds and Kate Shea, Leonard J. Voeiker and Anna M Keils, George Baldwin and Sarah Pierce.

Recorder's Office.

One hundred and thirty two instruments were filed for record during the week ending June 13th, eighty-two of which were deeds, and thirty-one mortgages.

eration of one thousand dollars or over, was eighty thousand dollars, an increase over any previous month this spring. The over any previous month this spring. The amount of mortgages was nineteen thousand dollars, leaving deeds a balance of sixty-one thousand dollars. Thus the per cent of deeds is 809, and the per cent of cent of deeds is 809, and the per cent of

and pt swq nwq swq section 36, Bruce. \$2,000. C M Carpenter to Patrick W Corcoran, pt of lots 4 and 5 in block 2, Crotty's add to Seneca, \$3,500. Mrs. Lu- THE SOUTHERN TIMBER cian Reynolds to Elizabeth Duncan, lots 14 in block 37, Streator, \$1,000. A M Bruen's Wis., where he died and where his bones still executors to Ottawa Fire Clay & Brick Co., rest. Those of his followers who still clung rest. Those of his followers who still clung Rutland, \$546 ac. pt swq and nwq sections 6 and 7, Rutland, \$546. Nicholas Atken to William Rutland, \$546. Nicholas Atken to William Block. lots 4, 5 and 6 in block 3, union add to Ottawa, \$1,200. Phil J Yenrich to Paui Herman, awq of sec 2, Mendota, \$10,500. Cordelia E. Armstrong to Hugh M Hamilton, eh of neq, 35, seq, 35, wh, 36, e3q nh wh sw, 35,13.75 a, ne cor. eh nwq 1 in Deer Park, \$30,000.

> Shall Women be Allowed to Vote? The question of female suffrage has

agitated the tongues and pens of reformers for many years, and good arguments have been adduced for and against it. Many of the softer sex could vote intelligently, and many would vote as their husbands did, and give no thought to the merits of a sold by dengals. If the co., and state at the control of the co political issue. They would all vote fo Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, for they know it is a boon to their sex. It is unequaled for the cure of leucorrhea, atnormal discharges, morning sickness, and the countless fills to which women are subject. It is the only remedy for woman's peculiar weaknesses and ailments, sold by druggists, under a positive guarantee from the manufacturers, that it will give satisfaction in every case or money refunded.

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The Princeton ball club held a meeting on Monday evening to make arrangements for this season's playing and to elect officers. Alderman Munger was elected presidens of the organization, Louis J. Smith. manager and secretary, and John C. Banhister, captain. It is intended to have a club composed of local players, and to form a league with neighboring clubs.

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